

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 13 and 22 are currently amended. Claims 2-3 and 5 are canceled. New claims 23- 28 have been added. Claims 1, 4, and 6-28 remain pending in the application.

No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments to claims 1, 4, 13, and 22 may be found, for example, at page 6, lines 12 - 19 and page 7, lines 11-22. Support for new claim 23 may be found, for example, at page 11, lines 8-13. Support for new claim 24 may be found, for example, at page 18, lines 23-26. Support for new claim 25 may be found, for example, at page 7, lines 25-29. Support for new claim 26 may be found, for example, at page 7, lines 31-35 and page 21, lines 26-30. Support for new claim 27 may be found, for example, at page 19, lines 25-27. Support for new claim 28 may be found, for example, at page 22, lines 1-2.

In the office action mailed 05/29/2008, claims 1-4 and 6-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,903,475 (Gupte) in view of U.S. Patent Number 3,614,608 (Giedd). Applicant respectfully traverses with respect to claims 3 and 6-21 as originally presented. Furthermore, each of the independent claims has now been amended to specify creating a transaction record, and correlating the expected output to the transaction record, and signaling an error when the agent does not generate the expected output corresponding to the transaction record. Gupte and Giedd, individually or combined, do not teach or suggest creating transaction records corresponding to detected inputs, correlating expected outputs to transaction records, and signaling an error when an agent does not generate an expected output corresponding to a transaction record.

In view of the above, the applicant respectfully requests that the examiner's rejection of claims 1, 4, and 6-22 be withdrawn, and that the application be allowed to issue as a patent with all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,
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